

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled and Claims 3-6 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bryant et al. or Corbefin et al.; and Claim 2 was indicated as allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

New Claim 4 is similar to allowed Claim 2, but has been drafted to better correspond with U.S. claim drafting practice.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bryant et al. or Corbefin et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 3 is directed to a vehicle compartment radio LAN system that includes a repeater mounted in each of a plurality of seat rows, and a terminal positioned in one of the plurality of seat rows. Further, the terminal is configured to communicate through the repeater in the same seat row by radio.

In non-limiting examples, Figures 4 and 7 illustrate a repeater (R1, R2, R3) mounted in each of a plurality of seat rows (three rows of seats). A terminal is positioned in any one of three rows of seats. For example, if the terminal is positioned in the first row, the terminal communicates through the repeater R1, and if the terminal is in the second row, the terminal communicates through the repeater R2 and so forth.

By providing such a structure, the vehicle compartment radio LAN system achieves a continuous communication between a terminal and a repeater (see the specification, page 2, lines 13-17, and page 5, lines 27-32).

Bryant et al. disclose an antenna 10 mounted on the rear windshield of a vehicle 34 (see Bryant et al., column 3, lines 36-45, and Figure 2). By having the antenna mounted on the rear windshield, Bryant et al. permit transportable and portable telephones to maintain good communications from inside of the vehicle by giving the telephones benefits of an external vehicle mounted antenna (see Bryant et al., column 1, lines 35-64). However, by modifying Bryant et al. according to the suggestion in the outstanding rejection to mount the antenna 10 in a seat row, transportable and portable telephones do not achieve good communications since the antenna is located inside of the vehicle. Hence, it is respectfully submitted the proposed modification teaches away from Bryant et al.

Corbefin et al. disclose an antenna 2, an antenna 3 and a transponder 4 to allow the passenger P of the aircraft A to communicate with an opposite party located on the ground (see Corbefin et al., column 3, line 39 to, column 4, line 11 and Figure 1). However, Corben et al. also does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent Claim 3 is allowable.

Furthermore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early action favorable to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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